

Claims

1. A video telephone comprising:
image pickup means which pickups a photogenic subject and
generates a pickup signal;

5 pickup signal processing means which processes the pickup
signal and outputs a pickup image signal;

image modification processing means which subjects the
pickup image signal to an image modification processing for
protecting a portrait right;

10 image signal selection means which selects one of the
pickup image signal from the pickup signal processing means and
a modified image signal from the image modification processing
means; and

15 communication means which transmits an output image signal
from the image signal selection means.

2. A video telephone according to claim 1, wherein the
image signal selection means selects and outputs the modified
image signal from the image modification processing means at
a time of starting communication, and thereafter selects and
20 outputs the pickup image signal from the pickup signal processing
means in response to an operational instruction from a calling
party.

3. A video telephone according to claim 1, wherein the
image signal selection means selects and outputs the modified
25 image signal from the image modification processing means at

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a time of starting communication, and thereafter selects and outputs the pickup image signal from the pickup signal processing means in response to confirmation of authentication of a partner side of a calling party.

5 4. A video telephone according to claim 1, wherein the image modification processing means performs a defocusing processing for placing an image based on the pickup image signal in a defocused state.

10 5. A video telephone according to claim 1, wherein the image modification processing means performs a deforming processing for converting two-dimensional positional information of pixels in the pickup image signal at an arbitrary ratio.

15 6. A video telephone according to claim 1, wherein the image modification processing means performs a resolution reducing processing for reducing a resolution of the pickup image signal.

20 7. A video telephone according to claim 1, wherein the image modification processing means performs a tone resolution reducing processing for reducing a tone resolution of the pickup image signal.

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